

**DAKOTA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**HOCKEY HANDBOOK**

**2008 - 09**

# CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

## **Purpose of this Handbook**

This Handbook explains most of the issues that parents and volunteers need to know about the hockey programs, how programs are administered, how the league is organized, hockey philosophy and policies, equipment requirements, responsibilities of the coaches and managers, contacts, etc. Dakota Community Centre (DCC) recognizes the importance of communication and encourages you to call the hockey director, coaches, convenors, or other hockey volunteers any time you need more information or are concerned about any aspect of the hockey program.

## **Mission of the Hockey Program**

The mission of DCC's hockey program is to make sure that our children have fun while learning skills that will help them enjoy hockey and develop into complete persons. Our reward for taking on this challenge is more children playing and staying in hockey.

## **References**

This Handbook was created with the help of the following references:

- *A Guide to Coach Selection*, Ottawa District Hockey Association
- *By-Laws, Rules and Regulations 1997–1998*, WMHA
- *Program Information Guide*, Fort Garry North Hockey Association
- *Hockey Handbook*, Seven Oaks Minor Hockey Association
- *Coaches Manual*, National Coaching Certification Program
- *Hockey 2000 Program*, Quebec Ice Hockey Federation
- *Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, History, 1994–95*, CHA
- *Hockey Program Manual River Heights Community Centre*
- *McDonalds' Codes for FAIR PLAY*
- *Dakota Community Centre's Constitution, Policies*

You are welcome to use or copy any part of this Handbook if it can help you run a better hockey program.

## **CHAPTER 2. ORGANIZATION OF HOCKEY**

### **Hockey Canada**

Hockey Canada governs hockey in Canada. It is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Some of its principal objectives are:

- To foster and encourage the sport of amateur hockey in Canada.
- To establish and maintain uniform playing rules for amateur hockey.
- To conduct interprovincial and international contests of amateur hockey.

Hockey Canada has 12 branches, one of which is the Hockey Manitoba. Each branch has jurisdiction over several local associations. Hockey Manitoba has 10 local associations, including the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association (WMHA). Each local association in turn has several area associations. The WMHA has 11, including the St. Vital Minor Hockey Association (SVMHA). The SVMHA has five community centres.

Minor hockey in Canada is a grassroots organization. The community centres give direction to the area associations. The area associations appoint Executive Members to the WMHA, who vote on all hockey decisions. The local associations, like the WMHA, nominate people to serve in each Canada Hockey branch, which in turn nominates members to the national Hockey Canada office. Thus members of a community centre can influence the policies, plans, rules and regulations of hockey. They can influence their community centre, which can influence its area association, and so on up to the Canada Hockey.

Each community centre or association has the latitude to vary its approach to its own hockey program. While rules and certification programs are uniform across the country, organization and program structures are flexible. Better methods can be introduced at any level.

### **Amalgamation**

In 1990 the WMHA adopted a policy that provided for community centres to amalgamate to form teams in the A1, A2 and A3 categories. The objectives of this policy are to maximize the opportunities for children who wish to play on travelling teams, to create more balanced teams, and to have children of equal skill levels playing together.

After amalgamation, there can be no more than 75 players in total in any one age group in the combined community centres.

### **The St. Vital Minor Hockey Association (SVMHA)**

The SVMHA is an area association within the WMHA. Its responsibilities include:

- Registering teams and collecting fees for hockey within its area.
- Purchasing ice as required from various sources - all SVMHA members are charged a blended fee.
- Meeting at least once a month during the hockey season - meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Community centres in the SVMHA area are Dakota, Greendell, Glenwood, Norberry-Glenlee, and Windsor.

The following is a breakdown of registration fees:

Age Group	Player Cost
House 5/6	\$157.00
House 7/8	\$277.00
Novice (8A1)	\$307.00
Minor Atom (9)	\$312.00
Atom (10)	\$312.00
Minor PeeWee (11)	\$317.00
Pee Wee (12)	\$302.00
Minor Bantam (13)	\$317.00
Bantam (14)	\$332.00
Minor Midget (15)	\$392.00
Midget (16 & 17)	\$402.00
Juvenile (18, 19 & 20)	\$342.00
Female Atom (9,10)	\$337.00
Female PeeWee (11,12)	\$342.00
Female Bantam (13,14)	\$342.00
Female Midget (15-17)	\$432.00

SVMHA estimated the team roster sizes when calculating per player rates.

Please note the following:

À DCC will have 6 IP sessions instead of 5 that SVMHA has, therefore the fees have been adjusted accordingly.

À The 5&6 and 7&8 age levels receive their Grey Cup pool tickets at registration because the team formation occurs following the IP sessions. All other teams receive theirs upon team set up.

À The City of Winnipeg has raised ice fees from \$142.99 to \$147.00 per hour.

À For Minor PeeWee (11 yr olds), SVMHA has instituted a mandatory body checking clinic; the \$30 cost is included in registration.

## **CHAPTER 3. POLICIES**

### **Philosophy**

This chapter describes the general philosophy and policies adopted by DCC. The community centres' hockey program provides high quality recreation for young people in our community. The program is committed to giving as many young people as possible the opportunity to play and benefit from the development of character, high ideals of fair play and individual and team skills. The focus is on participation and fun, not on winning or losing.

The priorities are:

- Every player plays.
- Children should play with others of the same skill level.

### **Fair Play Codes**

McDonalds restaurants, with the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres and the Coaches Association of Manitoba, have developed a Fair Play program that works toward putting fair play and fun back into sports for our young athletes. This program establishes a solid model for coaches, parents and players.

**DCC endorses the Fair Play program and recommends that all athletes, coaches, spectators and parents take time to review the following Fair Play Codes.**

#### **For the Player**

- I will participate because I want to, not because my parents or coaches want me to.
- I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper. Fighting and mouthing off can spoil the activities for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning is not everything. Having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- I will acknowledge all good players and performances, those of my team and of my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

#### **For Parents**

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that our children play sports for their enjoyment, not for mine. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or event.

- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

### **For Coaches**

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- I will ensure that all athletes get equal opportunity for instruction, support and playing time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

### **For Officials**

- I will make sure that all athletes have a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities within the limits of the rules.
- I will avoid or stop any situation that threatens the safety of the athletes.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any athlete either by word or by action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward officials, athletes, spectators or myself.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual athlete.
- I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- I will accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- I will be open to discussion and contact with the athletes before and after the game.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.

- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.

**For Spectators**

- I will remember that children play sport for their enjoyment; they are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the officials’ decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- I will show respect for my team’s opponent, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

**General Policies**

**Ice Allocation.....**

**Tournaments:**

1. Provincial and National Tournaments can take priority if scheduled and confirmed before August 1st of the coming year.
2. Dakota tournaments.
3. District tournaments.
4. Outside/other groups.

**League, Public Skating and Practice Ice Assigned in the Following Priority:**

1. Club hockey and ringette league games.
2. Public skating.
3. Practice ice for Dakota hockey and ringette teams.
4. Practice and league games for District hockey and ringette teams.
5. Figure skating.
6. Adult or recreational rentals.

**Ice Allocation Committee: .....**

- The Hockey and Ringette Director(s)
- V.P. of Winter Sports
- President of DCC
- General Manager

**Equipment**

No goal equipment will be given out without an equipment agreement form to be signed by the parent and the Hockey Equipment Manager (appointed by Hockey

Director). Nobody will be allowed to use equipment without proper training. Members not returning equipment will not be issued any more equipment.

To cover the cost of jerseys, a post-dated cheque (April 1, 2008) in the amount of \$80.00 is to be given to the Manager at the beginning of each season. The jerseys are the property of Dakota Community Club and must be returned at the end of the season, at which time the uncashed cheque will be returned. If the jerseys are not returned by April 1, 2008, the cheque will be cashed and future registration may not be permitted. **This policy will be strictly enforced.**

DCC will purchase goal equipment for any goaltender on a Dakota sponsored team at any age on an as needed basis. To cover the cost of the equipment, a post-dated cheque (April 1, 2008) in the amount of \$750.00 is to be given to the Equipment Manager at the beginning of each season. When the equipment is returned at the end of the season, the uncashed cheque will be returned. If the equipment is not returned by April 1, 2008, the cheque will be cashed. **This policy will be strictly enforced.**

Goalie equipment can be rented from DCC over the spring/summer months at \$20.00/piece or \$50.00/set.

Equipment is only loaned to players for DCC sponsored programs or training camps held at DCC.

### **Discipline**

Coaches may apply equal discipline when players do not attend practices and games, especially when the player has not given notice or provided an excuse, or when players fail to make an effort, refuse to follow instructions, or do not conduct themselves according to the principles of fair play.

All players are to be treated equally. Normally, discipline includes having a player sit out or dismissing a player from a game or practice. In extreme circumstances, the coach may request the dismissal of a player via the convenor to the hockey director for his/her approval.

### **Fundraising**

A team's fundraising activities must be approved by the community centre hosting the team.

### **Games Between Centre Teams**

Teams registered at the same community centre are discouraged from playing one another, especially across skill levels or age groups.

### **Insurance**

All coaches, referees and other volunteer workers have comprehensive insurance coverage under Hockey Canada while volunteering for area centres. All players are insured under Hockey Canada. For more information about areas of liability that is covered, see *Safety Requires Teamwork*, available from the MAHA office at 200 Main Street, or by telephone at 985-4242.

DCC must have accident report forms in its office within 90 days of an accident. If you need to report an accident, get a form from the office as soon as possible.

### **Late Registration**

Late registrants are not guaranteed playing spots unless they are newcomers to the area soon after regular registration is complete. There is a late registration fee per registrant (to be determined by the DCC board of directors). Late registration is discouraged.

### **Playing Time**

Coaches will use their best efforts to give every player equitable playing time, except in disciplinary situations.

### **Registration**

Players may participate in a tryout, practice, or game only after they have completed a registration card and paid the required fees.

Coaches cannot allow anyone to play who is not on their list of registered players. Players must register at their home community centres.

Registration fees cover the following expenses:

- Ice time for team selection.
- Fees of the hockey associations, which include administration expenses, ice for league games, referees, and timekeeper for league and playoff games, awards and insurance.
- Sweaters, goalie equipment, cleaning and repair.
- Other expenditures such as clinics and coaching materials.

Hockey fees do not cover these expenses:

- The cost of ice for practice, exhibition games or tournaments (in town or out of town).
- Jackets, sweats, etc.

### **Documents**

Copies of birth certificates are required:

- When a player registers with WMHA the first time.
- When a player first is carded on a Hockey Canada player registration certificate.

Other documents are occasionally needed for the following. Parents are informed when these are required.

- Inter-branch transfers.
- WMHA transfers.
- Certification as to residency.

### **Roster Size**

Association rules say that the minimum number of players on a team is 10 skaters plus one or two goalies. Under unusual circumstances, fewer players may be allowed with approval of the Hockey Director.

For older teams, coaches are encouraged to carry 15 skaters plus one or two goalies. The numbers depend on the number of players in each age group and the number of

teams being formed. If there are not enough players at an age level for two complete teams, then the number of players on each team may be reduced to allow for two smaller teams. The two teams are to be balanced.

Generally, the maximum number of players on a team is 19, with two goalies and 17 skaters. At the midget level, this may be increased to ensure enough players for games, because of the expanded outside interests of the older players.

Players are not moved down from higher to lower tiers, such as from A1 to A2. However, sometimes, perhaps as a result of injuries, players may be moved up, for example from A2 to A1, within the rules provided by WMHA. Thus, at tryouts, because our area centres may amalgamate, the number of players in total determines the number of players assigned to each tiered team. A2 and A3 could receive more players to allow for necessary movement of players later in the season.

For example, 46 players try out from the amalgamated area at the novice (nine-year-old) level. A1 may be assigned 15 players; A2, 15; and A3, 16. This assignment may change, depending on the availability of goalies. In this case, if six goalies try out, it may be better to have all teams with two goalies, with 13 skaters at A1 and A2, and 14 skaters at A3.

### **Skating Skills**

Players are encouraged to enrol in power skating or other skating skills programs.

### **Temperature**

No outdoor games or practices shall be played when the temperature exceeds  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  or the windchill factor exceeds  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 2 hours prior to game or practice time.

### **Temporary Players**

The Convenor responsible for a team may give permission for temporary players on the team. This permission is subject to the requirements for association teams playing under WMHA rules.

### **Age Advancements**

Age advancements will not be granted to any players at DCC.

### **Transfers**

Transfers of players in and out of any community centre are governed by the regulations of the WMHA, which are:

- All players must register at their home community centres by the initial registration date.
- Transfers are granted only under exceptional circumstances.
- Transfers are granted for only one year. After that year, players must again register at their home community centres.
- A community centre cannot transfer a player in while transferring a player out in the same age category.
- A transfer cannot be granted after December 1.
- A player wishing to transfer must complete an application for transfer. The application must be approved by both the community centre and the SVMHA

President, for transfers within the SVMHA. The other association president and the WMHA must also approve transfers to or from another association.

Each community centre always considers the needs of its own teams before approving a transfer.

### **What is Expected of Parents**

Parents are expected to:

- Get players to scheduled games and practices, dressed and on time.
- Let coaches know when players can't be at games or practices.
- Follow the Fair Play Codes.
- Help wherever possible.

**DCC's mission is to ensure that all children have fun while learning skills that will help them enjoy a program. DCC's belief is that athletes have a right to participate in a sporting environment free of abuse and harassment. It considers any form of abuse or neglect to be unacceptable.**

### **Boundaries for Coaches and Volunteers**

1. Avoid being alone with a child in your care. In the dressing room, have another adult with you. Always tell the parent the purpose of the meeting.
2. Avoid sexualized behaviour and language with players. It is inappropriate to talk/discuss information, which is of an educational nature. Joking and encouraging promiscuity is inappropriate.
3. When touching for positional or instructional purposes, hands on the head, back or shoulders are acceptable; buttocks, breasts and groin areas **are not acceptable**. A side hug is appropriate in comforting an injured player. One should never hug from the front. Having another adult present when attending to injuries reduces the risk or the perception of inappropriate behaviour. Always pat on the back, never the buttock area. Any touch must respect the personal boundaries of the individual. Always use good judgment in all situations. When coaching a team of the opposite sex, it is strongly recommended to have an adult of the same sex of the children on the bench and in the dressing room.
4. When it is necessary to have private conversations with an athlete, do so within the view of others or include another adult.
5. Your behaviour with children should be no different in public than in private. When wanting to show concern, ensure that all players receive the same attention.

Winnipeg Police Child Abuse Unit.....986 – 6222

Child and Family Services..... 944 – 4438

(After hours).....944 – 4050

Respectful Workplace/No Harassment/No Discrimination (City of Winnipeg Policy Applicable to all City of Winnipeg Buildings)

All members of the community centre, all patrons, volunteers and employees are entitled to a respectful environment, free from discrimination, intimidation, insult, ridicule and harassment. Harassment is about power - who has it; how it is used; and against whom they use it. It is a form of sexual and social control which encourages an atmosphere of fear and insecurity. We have a responsibility to others both in the sense of controlling ourselves and in recognizing the sensitivities of others. The abuse of power, which is what harassment is about, is not only the intentional misuse of others but also the inadvertent violation of others' sensibilities. Regardless of a person's status in the community centre, any complaints brought forth against said person will be investigated according to policy.

## **CHAPTER 4. HOCKEY ADMINISTRATION**

We are pleased to report that DCC has a Hockey Committee for the 2008-2009 season. Positions and representatives can be found on the Dakota CC website [www.dakotacc.com](http://www.dakotacc.com)

**Dakota Colours:** Black/Grey/White/Red

### **Coaches' Clinics Information**

For coaching clinics please check with Hockey Manitoba at 925-5755 or at their website at [www.hockeymanitoba.mb.ca](http://www.hockeymanitoba.mb.ca)

### **IP Program**

Anyone interested in coaching 5/6 year olds and must have completed an Initiation Program Clinic.

### **Speak Out: Respect in Sport**

This certification is mandatory for all coaches on a Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association roster.

### **Safety Person**

Each team will be required to have a certified Safety Person. (This includes 5&6, 7&8-house league) This person must be female for a female hockey team.

### **Coach Level**

Anyone interested in coaching 7/8 and up must complete this certification.  
Anyone interested in being a referee or a timekeeper, please contact SVMHA.

**Note: All certification must be complete by Dec 1, 2008. Coaches and safety persons not certified will be removed from the team roster.**

## **CHAPTER 5. TEAM ADMINISTRATION**

### **Coaching**

#### **General**

Coaches are expected to carry as many players as possible and still allow equal participation of all players. Coaches must display responsible leadership and instill attitudes of fair play and pride of achievement.

#### **Becoming a Coach**

- Register at registration with the Coach Administrator
- Send applications for coaching to the Hockey Director or the Coach Administrator at your community centre for coaching positions for the next season.
- Coaching assignments are confirmed after the evaluations are completed.
- Each coach's performance is reviewed at the end of each season before coaching status is approved for the next season.

#### **Responsibilities**

The coach:

- Selects (and searches out if necessary) assistant coaches.
- Selects (and searches out if necessary) a team manager.
- Understands the rules of hockey.
- Prepares for practices.
- Holds meetings with parents at least three times: at the beginning and the middle of the season, and the end of the season before playoffs.
- Displays appropriate behaviour at all times.
- Determines the positions of the players.

#### **Expenses**

Coaches may be reimbursed only for coaching clinic fees.

### **Responsibilities of Hockey Volunteers**

#### **The Team Manager**

The team manager is selected by the coach, and has the following responsibilities:

- Secures ice time required in addition to the ice that community centres supply to each team.
- Maintains and administers the finances of the team and issues a statement to all parents at the end of the year.
- Organizes a team windup; there are no individual awards other than those given by the home community centre.
- Secures the team's equipment from the team community centre; supplied equipment includes sweaters, goalie equipment and pucks.
- Notifies players of games changed or cancelled, practices, etc.
- Organizes exhibition games as determined by the coach; this includes getting referees, timekeepers, and ice.

- Enters the team into tournaments as determined by the coach.
- Fills out the team roster to be submitted to the WMHA.
- Obtains required birth certificates from team members.
- Organizes team photographs if the parents request them.

### **Convenors**

The hockey convenor:

- Inform all players of their evaluation schedules.
- Informs potential coaches of the evaluation schedule.
- Once teams are selected, coaches are selected and the convenor provides roster to selected coach.
- Helps the coach when called upon to clarify league rules.
- Assist the hockey director with the coaching selection.

### **The Parent Representative**

Parents for each team select parent representatives who act as a liaison with the coaches and parents.

### **Required Equipment**

Equipment needs change as your child grows and develops. For example, when players reach the age at which body checking is permitted, they may need bulkier shoulder and elbow pads. However, injuries can happen at any age. Accidents happen and children fall. Every player must wear protective equipment that fits properly. Do not buy equipment too large with the idea that it will last several seasons. It is better to get something second hand that fits and is still in good condition.

All house league and travelling players must have the following equipment:

**Elbow Pads**

**Gloves**

**Groin Protection**

**Helmet - The helmet must bear the CSA label.**

**Pants**

**Shin Pads**

**Shoulder Pads**

**Skates**

**Socks**

**Stick**

**Sweaters - DCC supplies hockey sweaters for all teams. These are only for wearing at games.** Players must have their own practice jerseys.

**Throat Protector -** Throat protectors must bear the BNQ insignia.

\*\*\* **Mouth Guards** –are mandatory

### **Team Photographs**

Each team should have team photographs. However, this is an additional expense and is not covered by registration fees. The team manager co-ordinates team pictures if the parents agree to this expense.

**Ice Time**

A hockey program must provide enough ice hours in a season to give the players fun and skills development. There should not be too much hockey that it interferes with family and school activities, keeps children from participating in other personal development programs, or causes hockey burnout. In addition each player's season must have a balance between league, playoff, and exhibition games, practices, and free playtime.

## **CHAPTER 6. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **Coach Selection Procedures**

The following policy is intended to guide the selection of coaches at DCC. The selection of coaches is the responsibility of the Sport Director, with the assistance of his/her appointed Age Convenors and the Vice-President of Summer/Winter Sports, where appropriate:

1. All applications for coaching positions must be fully completed, and signed within one week of the final registration deadline.
2. If only one candidate applies (completed DCC coaching application form required) and no significant problems are identified as a result of previous parent evaluations, a Registry check, and a possible criminal records check, that individual will be appointed coach by the Sports Director. If the Sports Director, in consultation with the appropriate Vice-President of Sports, deems that individual unsuitable the Sports Director will recruit another candidate.
3. If two or more candidates apply for the same coaching position, the following procedures will apply:
  - a) The Sports Director will review the coaching application forms and the results from any previous coaching evaluations. Candidates who are clearly inappropriate as a result of this initial screening or because they do not pass the Registry and/or criminal records check, can be excluded at this stage.
  - b) A panel of three (3), consisting of the Sports Director, the Vice-President of Summer/Winter Sports and the Age Convenor, will then interview remaining candidates. The results of the interview along with reviewing the documents in a) above will then be considered in the final decision. The Sports Director will have the final say, within the guidelines established by DCC.
  - c) In considering the coaching application form, previous evaluations and the interview results, the Director will make his/her decision based upon:
    - i) Personal suitability - refers to the person's coaching philosophy, their interaction with children, parents, officials, and other stakeholders, and their communication skills.
    - ii) Skills and knowledge - refers to their specific coaching expertise and qualifications, and demonstrated knowledge of the sport.
4. In the case of categories where players will be tiered, the head coach will not be selected prior to evaluation selection.

### **Player Evaluation and Team Selection Policy**

The policy and procedures described below apply to the hockey program at DCC where (a) there are multiple teams selected in one age group; and/or (b) players are divided by ability level into teams which compete in different leagues.

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate the notion of children being "cut" from teams by having all teams chosen at the same time, based upon abilities. It is designed to reinforce the reason for having tiered teams, which is to provide all children with the opportunity to play a sport at a level commensurate with their abilities. This approach

also emphasizes that all levels of team sports at DCC are recreational and equally important.

This policy is intended to provide the fairest possible selection of teams. Teams will be selected by a combination of independent evaluators and coaching candidates for the particular age group. It is also designed to govern those sports that divide up players into competitively balanced teams in the same category.

1. All registered players in a particular age group will be asked to participate in an evaluation camp prior to the start of the season. The camp will consist of approximately 3-4 sessions, with players divided into groups as numbers as the particular sport requirements dictate.
2. Players wishing to participate at the lowest level of age group will be given the opportunity to indicate this at registration. If such is the case, they may wish to fully participate at the evaluation camp or begin participation only after the first skill evaluation has divided the players into levels commensurate with their abilities.
3. Players will be divided alphabetically into equal groups for the first session. The player evaluation committee in conjunction with the age convenor will designate the personnel required for the on-ice and off-ice evaluation. Independent evaluators will observe each session and record rating for each player.
4. An independent evaluator shall not be involved in the evaluation of an age group in which his or her child is participating.
5. It is strongly recommended that an evaluator participate in all of the evaluation sessions of the group he or she is evaluating.
6. Once the number of teams and levels in which those teams will compete within a particular age group have been determined, the evaluation camps for each age group will be organized in accordance with the following principles:
  - a.) Each player will be allotted a minimum of three ice times.
  - b.) The process shall be designed to allow a player more than one opportunity to make A1 or A2.
7. Upon conclusion of the pre-determined number of sessions, the independent evaluators and coaching candidates will meet with the Hockey Director and the Age convenor to tally the ratings and make final selections. Players will be divided into the various level teams for the sport and age group (i.e. 7/8 house league, A-1, A-2, etc.) based upon these ratings. The age group evaluators and the potential coaches will select the final players of each team.
8. The Director/Convenor will finalize the selection of coaches for each team.
9. In cases where age groups for one level are combined, the final team selection for this level will be completed once the ratings for both age groups have been completed.
10. At the end of evaluations, interested parents may request the summary for their child in order to determine their child's skill strengths and weaknesses.
11. In order to facilitate an equitable evaluation process, all players are expected to attend the evaluation camp. If a player cannot attend (late registration, illness, etc.) the Director/Age convenor will normally assign the child to a team at an appropriate skill level.

12. DCC sports programmes will attempt to coordinate evaluation camps with district AA or AAA tryouts. If necessary, we will wait until district teams are selected.

## **CHAPTER 7. HOCKEY RESOURCES**

### **Winter Sports and Resource Directory**

Dakota Community Club.....	254-1010
Hockey Canada.....(613) 562-5677 or (403) 777-3636	
Coaching Manitoba.....	925-5669
General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres.....	475-5008
Hockey Manitoba.....	925-5755
Manitoba High Schools Athletics Association.....	925-5640
Manitoba Ringette Association.....	925-5711
Sport Manitoba.....	925-5600
McDonald's FAIR PLAY Program.....	949-6000
University of Manitoba Bison Hockey.....	474-8591
Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association.....	784-5454

### **List of Arenas and Phone Numbers**

#### **Assiniboine Park Hockey Association**

Eric Coy Centennial Recreation Centre, 535 Oakdale.....	986-6917
River Heights Arena, 1370 Grosvenor Avenue.....	488-7000
Varsity View Sportsplex, 4320 Ridgewood Avenue.....	837-9952

#### **Pembina Trail Hockey Association Inc.**

Dutton Memorial Arena, 400 South Drive.....	477-2464
Fort Garry Century Arena, 1377 Clarence Avenue.....	986-3377
Charles A. Barbour Arena, 500 Nathaniel Street.....	986-6084
Max Bell, University of Manitoba .....	474-8634
Richmond Arena, 666 Silverstone Drive.....	269-1570
Sam Southern Arena, 625 Osborne Street.....	986-4926
St. Norbert Recreation Centre, 3450 Pembina Hwy.....	269-4120

#### **Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association**

East Selkirk Arena, 75 Strathcona Road E., Selkirk.....(204) 785-2364	
Selkirk Rec. Complex, 200 Eaton Ave, Selkirk.....(204) 785-4955	
Selkirk Arena, 370 Jemina Street, Selkirk.....(204) 785-4964	
St. Andrews Arena, Lot 62, St. Andrews Road.....	338-7512

#### **Midland Centennial Minor Hockey Association**

Pioneer Arena, 799 Logan Avenue.....	986-6989
Sargent Park Indoor Skating Rink, 1111 Wall Street.....	986-6085

**North Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association**

Billy Mosienko Arena, 709 Keewatin Avenue.....986-4757  
Old Exhibition Grounds Skating Rink, 80 Sinclair.....986-3724

**River East Minor Hockey Association**

East St. Paul Arena, 266 Hoddinott Road.....661-5844  
Gateway Recreation Centre, 600 Bonner.....982-1234  
River East Recreation Centre, 1410 Rothesay Street.....986-7207  
Terry Sawchuck Arena, 901 Kimberly Avenue.....986-7208

**Seven Oaks Minor Hockey Association**

Maples Multiplex, 434 Adsum Drive.....694-5490  
West Kildonan Memorial Arena, 346 Perth Avenue.....338-2904

**St. Boniface Minor Hockey Association**

Bertrand Arena, 294 Bertrand Avenue.....986-6694  
Maginot Arena, 910 Maginot Street.....986-6816  
Notre Dame Rec. Centre, 271 Cathedrale Avenue.....233-5135  
Southdale Arena, 254 Lakewood Boulevard.....257-6171

**St. James-Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association**

Keith Bodley Arena, 165 Sansome Street.....832-1175  
Kinsmen-Allard Arena, 80 Allard Street.....885-6824  
St. James Civic Centre, 2055 Ness Avenue.....986-3392  
Vimy Arena, 255 Hamilton Avenue.....986-3379

**St. Vital Minor Hockey Association**

Dakota Community Centre, 1188 Dakota Street.....254-1010  
Glenwood Recreation Centre, 27 Overton Street.....237-3889  
St. Vital Centennial Centre, 580 St. Anne's Road.....986-6872

**Transcona Minor Hockey Association**

East End Community Centre, 517 Melrose Avenue E.....222-8013  
Roland Michener Arena, 1121 Wabasha Street.....986-7209